

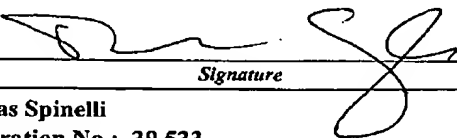
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Applicant(s): <b>Hiroki Moriyama</b>														
Application No. <b>09/894,659</b>	Filing Date <b>June 28, 2001</b>	Examiner <b>Krisanne M. Jastrzab</b>	Customer No. <b>23389</b>	Group Art Unit <b>1744</b>	Confirmation No. <b>6961</b>									
Invention: <b>VESSEL FOR HIGH-TEMPERATURE HIGH-PRESSURE STEAM STERILIZATION</b>														
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 9, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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